

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DIANE RICE**, on March 18, 2003 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Diane Rice, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Ralph Lenhart, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Norman Ballantyne (D)  
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)  
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)  
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Donald Steinbeisser (R)  
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bill Thomas (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Lisa Gallagher, Committee Secretary  
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Tape stamp refers to material immediately following.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: none  
Executive Action: SB 242

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REP. PETERSON explained LC 2169 to the Committee.

**EXHIBIT** (agh57a01)

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Krista Lee Evans and REP. PETERSON continued to explain LC 2169 to the Committee.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 242**

**Motion:** REP. ANDERSEN moved that SB 242 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

REP. ANDERSON handed out to the Committee a sheet with information in regard to the Montana Agricultural Heritage Grants.

**EXHIBIT** (agh57a02)

REP. JACKSON said that he worked on this bill in 1999. He then told the Committee stories about the unintentional consequences experienced by two people from his district because of this bill.

REP. WAITSCHIES addressed the sheet that REP. ANDERSON handed out. He said that he will be voting against this bill.

REP. SMITH said that he will be voting no because this bill ties up land for those who will inherit it.

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REP. PETERSON said that he is in favor of this bill because it is purely voluntary. The structure is already there and the industry wants to see the structure stay.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. ANDERSEN moved that SB 242 BE TABLED. Motion carried 10-6 with REPS. BIXBY, LAMBERT, MALCOLM, PETERSON, RICE, and RYAN voting no, by roll call vote.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. LAMBERT moved that LC 2169 BE SENT TO LEGAL. Motion carried 12-3 with REPS. BIXBY, LENHART, and RYAN voting no, by roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

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REP. DIANE RICE, Chairman

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LISA GALLAGHER, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (agh57aad)